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GLAUCOMA SCREENING PROGRAM

P.B.J.C. staff, faculty, and administration are urged to take advantage of the free glaucoma screening program to be conducted in our campus health clinic (AD-0) by Mrs. Larrabee, R.N., of the Palm Beach County Health Department. The screening program will take place on Wednesday, December 4, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

This screening program is brought to our campus every other year for your convenience. If you have not had this diagnostic test done within the last two years - now is the time. Glaucoma is called by some "hardening of the eyeball". If it is not detected in time it leads to blindness. It has been said that out of every 200 screened, four will be referred. Out of four, two will be positive glaucoma; one will be border-line and kept under doctors observation; one will be negative and show symptoms other than glaucoma (such as elevated blood pressure or diabetes). You could be among those four and would benefit by an early diagnosis.

STUDENTS SCHEDULE DANCE

Come one - Come all! Staff, faculty, administration are invited by our campus clubs to join with the student body in a 50's dance, on Friday, December 13, here on campus. There will be fun for all in becoming one big happy family. Dancing, entertainment in the 50's style. Phi Rho Pi will man a "be insulted and get laughed at" booth for a minimal charge as a fund raising project to obtain new seats for our PBJC Auditorium. Door Prizes - Have Your Picture Taken - Dance Contest of the 50's - Best 50's Dress - and many more surprises. You can help make this the biggest and best event of the year. Any suggestions, ideas, or help from those who remember the 50's will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Becky Davis (Chairperson of 50's Dance Committee) through your Student Government.

Further information will be communicated through the Beachcomber and posters.

Hamid Faquir's Vacation

Driving down the road between Nairobi and Mombasa in Kenya, Hamid and Mary Faquir of Palm Beach Junior College and their four year old daughter Hamida had three close calls, all because they were driving on the wrong side of the road.

"It was hard at first to get used to driving on the left side of the road again," said Faquir. It was also strange to see signs along the road-side reading "Elephant Crossing"; and our daughter particularly enjoyed seeing the huge animals so close to the car.

"Giraffes also made a hit with Hamida," Faquir said.

Faquir, born in Uganda of Indian parents, took his family to Africa to meet his 74 year old father, a doctor, who is just one of two Asians left out of the 3,000 families who once lived in his home town of Soroti.

They had also hoped to visit Hamid's brother Sadik, a writer in the capital city, Kampala, whom he hadn't seen in 16 years, as well as his wife and family whom Hamid had never met.

Faquir, internal auditor at PBJC and his wife, Mary, a member of the Nursing Department faculty, residents of Lake Clarke Shores, left West Palm Beach June 8, stopping in New York, London and Paris on the way to Africa.

Hamid, who had attended school in London for six years before receiving a tennis scholarship to Florida State University, told of his many trips on the London to Nairobi flight, which stopped in Entebbe, Uganda on the way.

Back then, Hamid would always get off in Entebbe and travel on to his hometown by car.

"It was a revelation to me, when we arrived this time in Entebbe and we weren't permitted to leave the plane," he said, in his English-accented voice.

"It seemed so strange to see armed soldiers guarding the airport."

The Faquirs later learned that President Idi Amin was out of the country, and no one was permitted to enter or leave Uganda while he was away.

Therefore, it was about two weeks before Hamid's father was permitted to leave Uganda to visit his son and family in Kenya.

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THE FUNDAMENTAL LEARNING LAB

Frank Smith's Frankly Speaking column "Free Entertainment at AV Center" in November 11's Beachcomber is a good introduction to the Fundamental Learning Lab in the Library Learning Resources Center's AV Department. It is found on the first floor of the Library, and you will find it interesting just to look in as you pass by.

Students often sit at carrels listening with headphones. Some watch slides while others view filmstrips with sound. Usually there is an animated group of four or five watching (and discussing) nursing or social science materials. Fundamental Learning Lab equipment also includes film loop projectors, reel-to-reel players, record players, cassette players, micro viewers and TV's.

Personnel are encouraged to take their library cards and go in. (That's your ticket to all the good things available.) There are beautiful slides on art and architecture, and self-study materials in almost any field. There is a storehouse of audio materials of great interest as well as the films and slides to which you are accustomed in classrooms.

You can take home the software (that is records, cassettes, etc.) materials for quiet study. There is a card catalog to help you find what you are looking for, and for further assistance just ask Marie Roberts or Barbara Braeunig to help you.

AROUND CAMPUS

Cecelia Pittman (LLRC Acquisitions) was honored at a Baby Shower November 2 at Terry Baxter's home. Cecelia expects her new arrival in December. Incidentally, while she is on maternity leave a former employee, Isabel (Tess) Fouse will return and fill her slot in LLRC.

Debbie Jefferson's baby shower was held on Friday, November 11. Debbie expects her addition near the first of the new year.

Welcome to Antoni Ricciardi, also of LLRC (Circulation Desk) who is filling the vacancy left when Mary Jane Hamilton retired recently due to health reasons. Mary Jane's many friends on campus will be glad to hear that she is doing well and welcomes phone calls and visitors.

Bonnie Griffin (Academic Affairs) and her husband, Dan recently spent their vacation in New Orleans on a Real Estate Convention. Several highlights of their stay were breakfast at Brennan's, a drink at Two Sisters and a ride in a horse-drawn carriage. Bonnie and Dan also celebrated their anniversary while there and were treated to dinner by other members of their group.

Alice Carlisle's second daughter, Anne, was married on Saturday, October 26 to Joseph Vassallo. The wedding took place at Forest Hill Village Jaycee Hall followed by a reception. Anne is a student at Palm Beach Junior College and her husband is an attorney in West Palm Beach. Our best wishes Anne and Joe!

We are saddened to hear about Arlene and Don Tiddens trip to Michigan to visit with Don's mother and sister, both of whom are critically ill.

Just heard that we have two sports enthusiasts on the staff of the Business Building. Mary Akers loves to play golf and is planning a golfing Christmas vacation at the Port St. Lucie Hilton. Luci O'Donovan is a champion bowler. She bowled in two leagues this past summer, winning eight trophies in all, one for the highest game in which she bowled 248. She is bowling in the Country Club League at present and maintains an average of 165.

THE PERSONNEL REPORT

by J. M. Schneider

MAJOR MEDICAL REVIEW

A year ago I wrote an article in the "Staff News" on the processing of major medical claims. Since the calendar year is nearing its end a review of unpaid medical bills during the year may be desirable. If a check of unpaid medical bills reveals that you spent more than \$100 during 1974, filing for reimbursement under major medical should be considered.

As you may know major medical pays 80% of eligible expenses in excess of the \$100 deductible. The \$100 deductible applies to a single individual. Personnel carrying a family contract may also meet the deductible requirement if two members of the same family each incur \$100 of covered expenses in the calendar year. Under such circumstances any remaining family members are exempt from the deductible.

If you filed no major medical claim last year you may use the time period of October 1, 1973 through December 31, 1974.

"Covered Expenses" under major medical does include a number of items not payable under the basic Blue Cross or Blue Shield Contract. Expenses for prescription drugs, ambulance services, doctor's office visits, some unpaid hospital and surgical costs and a number of other areas are eligible for reimbursement.

To be paid for these major medical expenses it is necessary to complete a major medical claim form and send it to Florida Blue Cross and Blue Shield with the appropriate records. Forms are available in the Personnel Office. If I can be of assistance to anyone with questions on a major medical claim, please contact me.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The custodial staff has had a substantial increase in regular full-time classified personnel in the last two months. Personnel in this category include James Alway, William Cameron, Paul Davis, John McGhie, Daniel Mendes, Albert Roberts, John Selin and Edward Virta.

John Thompson was promoted to Foreman of the Cleaning Crew.

Jean Inzanti is the new Secretary to the Coordinator of Evening Classes while E. Antoni Ricciardi is the new Library Clerk.

Jane Fettig was recently reclassified to a Tab Equipment Operator. Jane is now operating computing equipment in Data Processing.

Classified Advisory Committee Election Scheduled

The six areas having representatives on the Classified Employee Advisory Committee should have received information on the election before the distribution of this issue of the "Staff News". Mrs. Dorothea Kahle, the Assistant Bookstore Manager, is coordinating the election details for the Committee. Votes are expected to be counted during the second week of December.

HOLIDAY SEASON

No doubt all personnel are aware by reading the Payroll Calendar that we have five holidays upcoming in slightly more than a month. November 28 and 29 (Thanksgiving and the day after), Christmas Eve and Christmas Day plus New Year's Day are recognized college holidays.

Best wishes for a happy HOLIDAY SEASON!

HAMID FAQUIR'S VACATION

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Faquir was not able to see his brother, who couldn't leave Uganda at that time.

The family flew on to Nairobi, where they visited such national parks as Tsavo and the Kenya, Masai-Amboseli Game Preserve as well as staying at the well-known Treetops Inn in Nyeri.

At the latter, they watched elephants, rhinos, buffalo, wild hogs, many species of deer, baboons and white monkeys at the water hole below.

"The animals don't seem to mind the people watching them, but you must stay very quiet, or they'll be frightened away," Hamid said.

The family was surprised to see so many American tourists in Kenya, some on camera safaris, others on hunting safaris.

"The government keeps a good check on the animals," Faquir said, "so that if the population of certain animals increases, people are allowed to hunt them; the wild-life is managed in this way," Hamid explained.

"Kenya was really worth visiting," Faquir said, "and my knowledge of Swahili helped us while we were there."

"We went to Malindi, on the Indian Ocean, which is supposed to be the finest beach in the world.

"We had ten miles of beach, all to ourselves.

"The ocean at Malindi is an unusual shade of blue, and very clear.

"In the evening, you can see every star in the sky; there is no pollution.

"This impressed Mary, and she wants to go back sometime, if the country remains stable," Hamid added.

"The beach is protected by a reef three miles out, which keeps the sharks out, and the sand is a dazzling white with lots of beautiful shells" Hamid said.

They also traveled to Tanzania to see 17,340 foot high Mount Kilimanjaro.

"It was good to get back to Kilimanjaro," he said.

"I had climbed it in 1957 when I was 17, and it felt strange looking at it from a distance and remembering.

Faquir bought himself a meerschaum pipe while there.

"The soft stone is supposedly found only in Kilimanjaro," Faquir said.

Other things the Faquirs brought back were a pair of deerskin shoes for Hamid, wooden spoons and bowls, African dresses, necklaces, stones and beads for Mary

and Hamida, pictures made from butterflies and banana peel, and some excellent Kenya coffee.

Hamid's family is now scattered; he has a sister in Stockholm and one in London, a brother in Dublin, three brothers in Florida and one in Georgia, besides his father and brother in Uganda (Hamid's mother died many years ago.)

On his way back to the U.S., he was able to see the sister in London and the brother in Dublin.

"Dublin looks all white now since the buildings were cleaned.

"Of all the places we visited, we felt most welcome in South Ireland, even though a bus strike had been going on for three months, - - we walked everywhere - - and the side streets were blocked off, because of an earlier bombing incident.

"No one there talked about the problems in Northern Ireland, though," Faquir said.

"But it's so good to be back home again," says Faquir an American citizen for almost a year.

"Now the main goal for my family is to all get together in one country again.

"The United States would be the logical place," he pointed out, "Because five of us are already here."